



...WHICH IS A THING BECAUSE THEY'VE LOST TRUST IN OTHER PEOPLE, AND IT KEEPS THEM FROM BEING PUSHED TOO HARD...

WELL FIRST OFF, THEY HAVE A CREED THAT FORBIDS COMMUNICATION WITH OUTSIDERS...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HAVING THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION?!

A WHOLE CROWD OF US SHOWING UP ALL AT ONCE WOULD BE ENOUGH TO OVERBURDEN THEM, DON'T YOU AGREE?

!!

SPLASH

WHAO  
THAT WAS CLOSE!..





**THAT'S  
A LIE!!!**



**SCRATCH**  
**SCRATCH**  
**SCRATCH**

**I'M...**



**DOING  
THIS FOR  
EVERYONE  
IN HINAMI-  
ZAWA...!!**



SPLAAAASH





YOU'RE  
NOT DOING  
THIS FOR  
HINAMIZAWA,  
OR FOR  
EVERYONE  
ELSE...

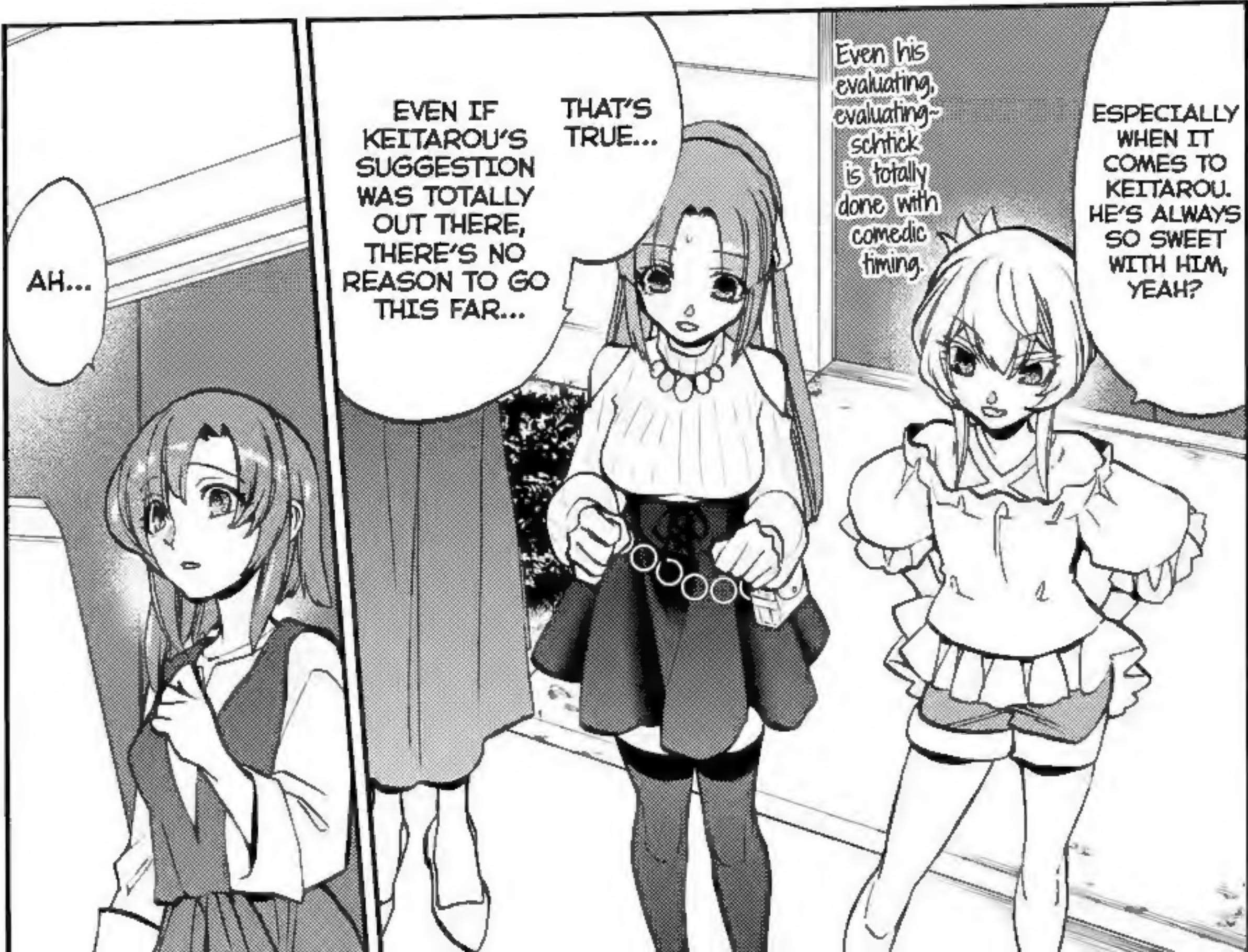
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JUST...

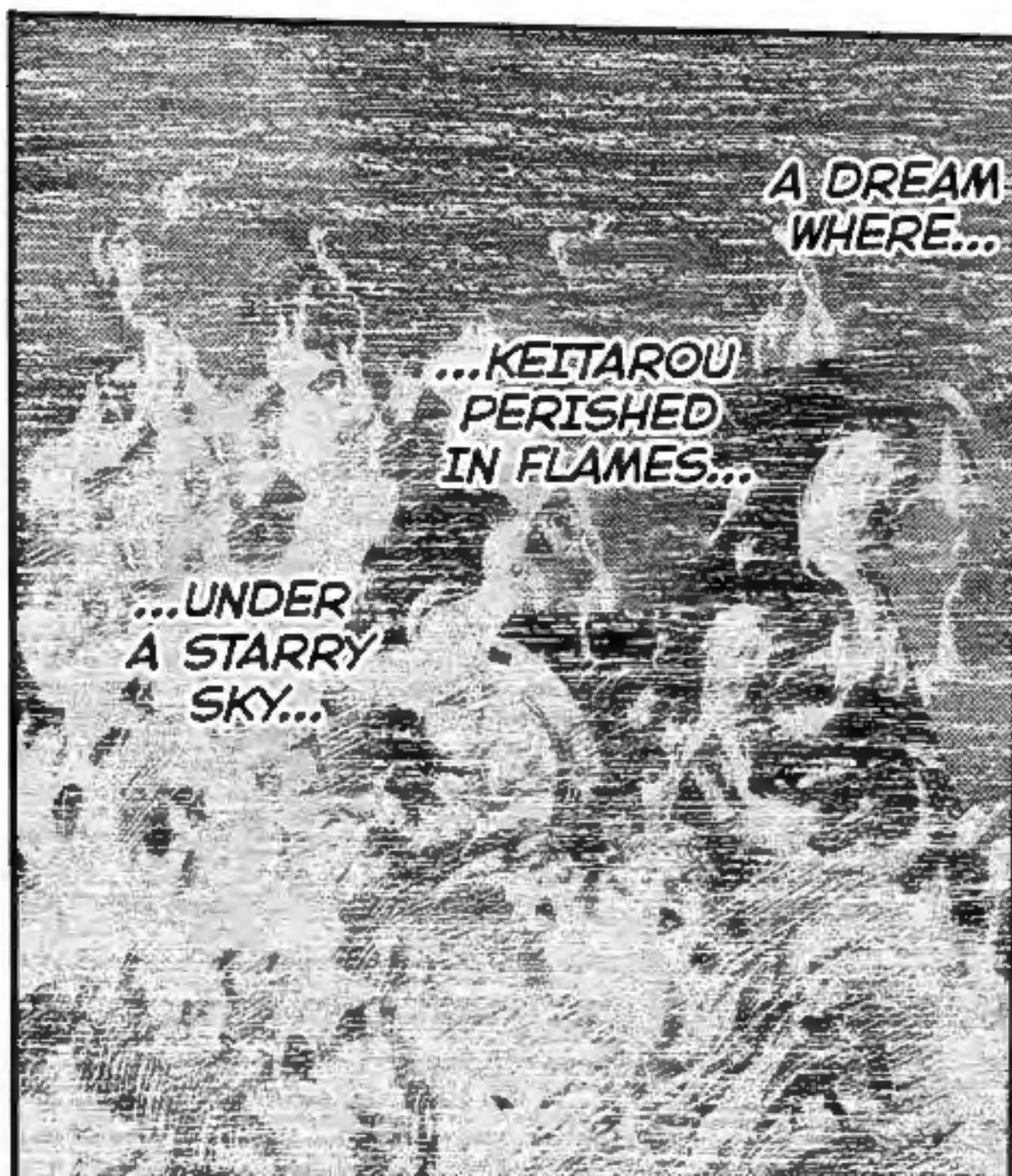
**WANT TO  
JUSTIFY  
YOUR OWN  
BELIEFS,  
KEITAROU  
MAEBARA  
!!**



...RGH!









WE'LL  
NEVER  
MEET  
AGAIN...

...BECAUSE  
I DIDN'T SPEAK  
OUT WHEN I HAD  
THE CHANCE!

...EVEN THOUGH  
MY DREAM HAD  
FINALLY COME  
TRUE, MY FOUR  
BELOVED FRIENDS  
LIVING TOGETHER  
IN HINAMIZAWA...

WE  
SHOULD'VE  
BEEN ABLE  
TO SPEND  
EVERY DAY  
HAVING FUN  
TOGETHER,  
LIKE BACK  
WHEN WE  
WERE KIDS



...BECAUSE  
I DIDN'T  
STOP HIM!

BECAUSE I  
COULDN'T CONVEY  
TO HIM THAT AS  
MUCH AS HE LOVES  
INTERACTING WITH  
OTHER PEOPLE,  
IT'S DANGEROUS  
TO DIVE INTO  
THIS BLINDLY!



I'LL LIVE  
WITH THAT  
REGRET  
FOREVER  
AND EVER!

WHY COULDN'T  
I STOP  
KEITAROU, EVEN  
IF IT MEANT  
PUTTING MYSELF  
ON THE LINE?



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